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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Good Talks

THAT Mr. Eden and Mr. Dulles have been able to reach agreement in principle on a wide range of subjects closely affecting Anglo-American relations and interests is gratifying. No commitments have been made, but the joint communiqué issued after the two Foreign Ministers had concluded their talks clearly spells out the line of policy which President Eisenhower desires his Administration to adopt in economic, financial and political matters which have a direct bearing on the future of the United States and the British Commonwealth. Both Mr. Eden and Mr. Butler, it would appear, effectively bolstered their "Trade Not Aid" slogan with some convincing arguments, and if congressional leaders can be persuaded that a revision of tariff policies, a more permanent form of financial investing overseas, and a broader basis for general trading between the United States and the Commonwealth must prove mutually beneficial, then the prospects for more economic stability throughout the free world will be considerably enhanced.

IN the political field the Washington talks have also been successful. It was agreed that it is essential the European Defence Community treaty should be ratified as quickly as possible by the six signatories, and the close interest which both Mr. Dulles and Mr. Eden displayed in this subject should encourage the French and Bonn governments to give substance to the treaty by delaying no further its ratification. But from Britain's point of view one of the most important features of the Washington discussions was American approval of the British proposals to end the oil dispute with Persia. Mr. Dulles recognises the fairness of the latest terms which the British Government has submitted to Dr. Mossadegh. Any further modification of them would be a denial of the principles on which they are based. To many, in fact, the British offer may appear to be too generous. Certainly if Mossadegh rejects them he will be throwing away his last opportunity of resolving the deadlock on conditions that are honourable and just. Persia has everything to lose by accepting the proposals.

EXTENSION OF SHIPPING CONTROLS

Britain And America May Make Appeal STOPPING SHIPMENTS TO RED CHINA

Washington, Mar. 8.

Britain and the United States were today expected to follow on their week-end announcement on tighter controls of Communist China-bound strategic goods with a call to the world's maritime nations to follow suit.

The British promise to tighten up such controls was announced in a joint communiqué here yesterday—most concrete development after four days of Anglo-American discussion in Washington on economic, financial and political problems.

Today it was expected the two countries would urge other maritime nations to take stringent measures to prevent the use of their ships and ports in the supply of strategic materials to Communist China.

Action would be urged in support of the United Nations embargo against such shipments. The British decision, already approved by the Cabinet in London, will tighten up all round the shipping side of the United Nations embargo.

Close control will be maintained on goods in transit in free port areas. Authoritative sources here today asserted that Britain was voluntarily undertaking the new restrictions on shipping because as the greatest maritime power it was thought she should give a lead to the world.

The proposals appeared to foresee the closer inspection of cargoes by Governments everywhere throughout the world and increased consultation and co-operation between the maritime nations.

Communist China relies on foreign ships to carry its overseas trade. Some of these are provided by Russia and associated states but it has been estimated that tramp freighters flying other flags entered Chinese ports last year at the rate of about 60 a month.

The communiques—one political and the other economic—were issued here yesterday to mark the end of the formal conferences between Mr. Eden and Mr. Butler and their opposite numbers of the United States.

Informal contact continued today. Mr. Eden plans to see President Eisenhower again tomorrow.

CEYLON'S STRONG REACTION

Ceylon's Strong Reaction

(From Henry Lowrie)

Washington, Mar. 8.

Strong reaction came from Ceylon tonight to the promise given by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, to America—that Britain will help to impose an economic blockade on the movement of potential war goods to Communist China.

Mr. Eden's pledge was announced in a communiqué yesterday following his three-day talks with Mr. John Foster Dulles, U.S. Secretary of State.

Tonight a cable from Ceylon—yesterday's Dominion—in the Commonwealth quotes the permanent head of her Foreign Office, Sir Kanthiah Vithianathan, as saying:

"We don't think there could be any international thuggery over the free movement of international trade."

He added that his Government "expects" rubber, rice and other goods in Ceylon's trade agreement with Red China will be allowed to flow freely.

When Mr. Eden arrived in Washington last week it was emphasised he represented the Commonwealth and not Britain alone.

But he could speak for Britain only when he agreed with the United States to cut the flow of goods to China.

CABINET PLAN

London, Mar. 8.

The Yorkshire Post said today that a tightening in the control of exports from Hongkong to Communist China, which seemed likely as a result of the recent talks between the British and American Governments, would be an unpleasant blow to the Colony.

In an editorial on the talks between Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. John Foster Dulles, which ended in Washington on Saturday, this Conservative paper said: "Last year the entrepot trade of Hongkong with China accounted for about a fifth of its total trade. During the current year it is not likely to have diminished."

Supplies of food come to Hongkong mostly from the mainland of China. The place is, therefore, vulnerable to a cutting off of supplies, which the Chinese Government might institute by way of retaliation.

The decision to tighten the control of exports from the island could not have been an easy one, but it was right. If we are to prosecute the war in Korea—and to this we are irrevocably committed—we are bound to do all we can to hamper China in aiding the North Koreans.

"The goods reaching China through Hongkong may not be of direct value in the prosecution of the war, but indirectly they are bound to help and it is, therefore, proper that the taps should be turned off," the Yorkshire Post added.—Reuter.

PICKETING UN HDQ



Dominican pickets demonstrate with placards outside the UN building in New York. They protested against dictator Trujillo, accused him of massacring 30,000 Haitians.—London Express.

23 INJURED BY BOMB

Trieste, Mar. 8.

Twenty-three persons were injured today when a bomb exploded in a street during a neo-Fascist demonstration.

Two of the injured were in hospital in a critical condition. The explosion occurred when groups of neo-Fascists staged an unauthorized parade after a speech by the Secretary of the Italian Social Movement Party in a theatre.

The police said the bomb, wrapped in a parcel, was dropped by the neo-Fascists when the police started dispersing the unauthorized parade. It was trampled in the rush and exploded.

The police arrested a number of demonstrators. The demonstrators had just attended a party meeting at a theatre, in which the Party secretary, Augusto de Marsanich, made a fiery nationalist speech.

This meeting was authorised by the authorities, but the Fascist youths were ordered to disband quietly after the rally. Instead, about 100 of them started parading down a boulevard, chanting songs on waving flags.

The police confronted them and ordered them to disband. About 30 did and the remainder refused. The police charged them. In the confusion which ensued, the bomb exploded in front of the headquarters of the Trieste Independence movement.—United Press.

Just A "Normal Misunderstanding"

Cairo, Mar. 8.

A reported rift between former King Farouk of Egypt and his wife Nariman was described by members of her family today as a "normal misunderstanding between a young married couple".

Nariman's mother, Assia Hachem, went to Rome last Tuesday to "find out the exact situation", her uncle, Dr. Imad Ezzat, said.—United Press.

FIRE ON LINER

Dundee, Mar. 8.

Fire broke out today in the 7,238-ton Jute liner City of Colchester which arrived here from Pakistan last night with one of the largest Jute cargoes handled here for years.

The blaze which broke out in No. 2 hold, which held 14,000 of the liner's 31,000 bales of jute, was still burning tonight.—Reuter.

Wife Lashed With Whip

Accuses Husband Of Cruelty

Rantford, Ontario, Mar. 8.

A young housewife told today how she "kept washing dishes" while her husband made a cat-o-nine tails from a belt and lashed her for smoking a cigarette.

"After he whipped me," said Mrs. Dorothy Adams, 23, "he sat down and read newspapers and I finished the dishes."

She vowed that she would testify on Monday against her husky husband, Donald, 27, when he will be given a hearing on a charge of assault occasioning bodily harm. If convicted, he could be sentenced to be lashed himself.

Her husband had ordered her not to smoke, she said, but found a cigarette butt in the house when he came home on Thursday night. He went into the kitchen and started cutting up a leather belt to make a whip, she said. "It must have taken him 10 or 15 minutes. I kept on washing dishes. I knew what he was doing, but I didn't try to run away—I would only have got it worse."

When the whip was completed, her husband lashed her "six or seven times" across the back, she said. "Then he sat down and read the papers."

"He smokes himself but doesn't want me to. He told me what he would do to me and he did," Mrs. Adams said. She did not call the police until the following morning. "I decided that I am not going to take any more beatings."

She said her husband had beaten her several times before during their seven-year marriage, but he never had beaten their three children.

Mrs. Adams said whether she would continue to live with her husband depended on what happened in court. Under the Canadian law, she cannot obtain a divorce on the grounds of cruelty.—United Press.

Best 1952 Film

New York, Mar. 8.

The Western motion picture "High Noon" was chosen as the best movie of 1952 in the annual poll of critics and commentators conducted by the Film Daily.

It was announced today by the publication showed these other film winners: The Greatest Show on Earth, The African Queen, Ivanhoe, Come Back Little Sheba, The Lavender Hill Mob, Singing in the Rain, With a Song in my Heart, and Five Fingers.—United Press.

FUNERAL OF STALIN TODAY

Guns Will Thunder Solemn Salute

Moscow, Mar. 9.

The great guns of the Kremlin will thunder a final solemn salute as the body of Stalin is laid to rest today alongside that of Lenin, founder of modern Russia, outside the Kremlin walls.

They are the same guns which thundered salvos to celebrate great Red Army victories during the war.

Then, if the precedent of the Zhdanov funeral is followed, Mr. Georgi Malenkov, the new Soviet Premier, and his colleagues will mount the broad steps leading to the broad, flat top of the Mausoleum to review a 15-minute parade of Russia's crack troops.

The funeral will begin at noon, Moscow time (Hongkong time 5 p.m.), when all Communist countries will observe a five-minute silence mourning period.

The most solemn moment will come when the coffin is shouldered down a wide granite staircase into a 12 square yard vault.

The four men likely to shoulder the coffin are Mr. Malenkov, Vice-Premier Lavrenti Beria, Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov and new President Marshal Voroshilov.

It was estimated in Moscow at midnight that more than 1,500,000 mourners had filed through the Hall of Columns to pay their last homage to Stalin.

The Hall of Columns was closed to the public from 2 a.m. Moscow time (HK time 7 a.m.). Before then a great mourning queue, at least six miles long, wound its way towards Moscow's House of Trade Unions to catch their last glimpses of the Soviet leader.

Men, women and children waited eight abreast as surges of snowflakes fell on the city.

MODERATELY COLD

It was moderately cold, the morning's stinging frost having eased.

Access to the Red Square for holders of special passes will cease at 9.30 a.m. Moscow time, while all traffic, except cars for which special passes have been issued, is to come to a halt at 9.00 Moscow time in the area of the central squares.

Marshal Voroshilov, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, Mr. Lazar Kaganovich and Mr. A. Mikoyan, members of the new Presidium of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party, took turns yesterday at standing guard over the bier of Marshal Stalin.

A delegation of the Russian Orthodox Church visited the Hall of Columns and left a wreath.

Several other high officials stood guard over the Soviet leader's coffin.

They included Marshals Zhukov and Vasilievsky, Deputy War Ministers, Marshal Sokolovsky, Red Army Chief of Staff, and Marshal Budenny, veteran war hero and old friend of Stalin.—Reuter.

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Robbed Man Shot, Wounded

Nairobi, Mar. 8.

A Kikuyu was shot and seriously wounded in Nairobi today when he returned to the street in which he had been robbed earlier to try to identify his attackers.

This was the third consecutive weekend that there has been shooting in the city.

In the Thompsons Falls area today, a man stated to be a Mau Mau unit administrator, who escaped from custody yesterday, was shot dead by a police ambush.

A police patrol discovered three home-made firearms made of three-foot lengths of piping bound to wooden stumps with a special tin-covered, recess for bullets. They were fired by pulling back a nail attached to a strong rubber spring.

These are the first guns of their kind to be seized from Mau Mau terrorists.—Reuter.

Ships Collide At Suez

Suez, Mar. 8.

One passenger was killed and four were seriously injured aboard the Italian ship Toscana last night when she was hit by the American tanker Cowanecque.

The Toscana, owned by Lloyd Triestino, was en route from Australia to Trieste with passengers and cargo. The Cowanecque, under charter to the United States Navy, was en route from the Suez Canal to a secret destination.

The Cowanecque struck the Toscana amidships, opening a hole a yard above the water line and damaging the bridge.

The Cowanecque was not seriously damaged and reported no casualties.—United Press.

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Victoria Exhibition In Belgium

Prince Albert of Belgium, brother of King Baudouin, attends the inauguration of the "Queen Victoria and Leopold I" Exhibition at the Cinquantenaire Palace in Brussels. — Express Photo.

Resettlement Experiment Begun In Indo-China

Saigon, Mar. 8.

A bulldozer chugged its way into a quiet village a few miles from Hanoi. While a handful of peasants watched, it lowered its head and nosed into a bank of earth.

Japan To Trade With Persia?

Teheran, Mar. 8.

Delegates of a Japanese trade mission now touring the Middle East declared here today that Japan was interested in buying \$20,000,000 (£7,100,000) worth of raw cotton and 2,000,000 tons of rice annually from Persia in return for machinery, agricultural implements and Japanese crockery.

Delegates made the statement at Teheran airport before flying to Baghdad on the next stage of their tour.

One delegate was quoted as saying Japan would talk about buying Persian oil after diplomatic relations had been established between the two countries. — Reuter.

FIRST SINCE WAR ENDED

Sydney, Mar. 8.

The Dutch 2,095-ton frigate Van Kinsbergen arrived here today to take part in exercises with the Royal Australian Navy this week.

The frigate's officers said the exercises would be the first since the war in which Dutch and Australian warships have co-operated.

The frigate, commanded by Commander J. A. Angelink Van Rentergen, had been in Melbourne for repairs after patrol duties in New Guinea waters. — Reuter.

AMERICAN DOLLARS

Why not do away with these hamlets, he asked, and bring these scattered people into sizable communities in which they could have security from the Vietminh and at the same time enjoy some social amenities?

Based on this broad conception, the first resettlement town is soon to take form. Twenty-five existing villages in an area of about 100 square miles are to disappear. In their place, a single town is to be built.

American dollars will provide school buildings, a hospital, a maternity centre, sanitation and water purification plants. The Vietnamese Government will lay down the roads and provide militia for the string of posts which will protect the town from nightly calls by the Vietminh.

Every peasant who leaves his village will receive from the government, in exchange for his village block, a building site in the new town. If he cares to shift his old house bamboo pole by bamboo pole he is welcome to do so. If he wants new building materials, they will be provided.

The old villages will be turned into agricultural lands. Theoretically, the peasants will go out to work their paddy fields each day, their children will go to school, and at night the family will get together in the security of their protected town and perhaps attend a local cinema or an education centre. That is the theory.

SOME SNAGS

But even the most enthusiastic supporters of the resettlement plan, including Governor Tri himself, see some difficulties to be overcome before this scheme can be spread throughout the rice-growing delta and before the Vietminh receives hard knock.

The greatest opposition, they say, may come from the farmers themselves. Those who know them well say that the Tonkinese paddy farmer is a person very much bound by tradition. He has a great desire to carry on as his father did before him. If the small village in which he was born was good enough for his father, it is good enough for him—and for his sons and daughters.

If the new plan is to work he must be shown that it is to his advantage to dig up his family roots and move into a community in which he may lose some of his individuality.

Directors of the plan say "showing" is the educative word, for no force can be applied. American mass education experts are already at work in the area spreading subtle propaganda—telling of the advantages of schools, the comforts of a home which has sanitation and pure drinking water, and the enjoyment of a life in which one can know that the midnight rap at the door is not from a Vietminh agent demanding rice or money. — Reuter.

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Women Stop The Traffic

Leftists' March To The Cenotaph

London, Mar. 8.

Two thousand women members of an organisation labelled "Soviet-inspired" by a British Government spokesman last week, stopped London traffic tonight as they marched through the streets after mass meetings.

Extra police were called out as the marchers carrying banners inscribed "They Shall Not Have Died In Vain" made for Whitehall.

The procession halted at the Cenotaph and sang a hymn before Mrs Monica Felton—British winner of the Stalin Peace Prize—laid a wreath to the memory of British dead of two world wars.

At their meetings in two London halls the women delegates to the British National Assembly of Women denied the "Soviet" tag.

There were shrill cries of "Shame" as the Assembly passed a resolution calling on the British Government to negotiate an immediate peace in Korea.

Messages of goodwill from the Soviet and Chinese delegates who could not attend were read out and the Assembly sent messages back. A message was also read from the Korean Democratic Women's League.

The Assembly criticised the Government for refusing visas for Russian, Polish and Chinese women to attend their meetings.

In addition to two meetings in London one was held in Glasgow.

At one of the London meetings delegates stood still for two minutes as a mark of sympathy on the death of Premier Josef Stalin.

Mrs Mary Baxter, London schoolteacher, said: "When American women lost President Roosevelt we all became extremely sorry for them. In exactly the same way we want to express our distress at the loss of the Russian leader." — Reuter.

ANCIENT TOMB UNEARTHED

Nicosia, Mar. 8.

A tomb structure dating back to the 10th century before Christ has been accidentally unearthed in the past few days at Tourabi, a locality near Larnaca in Southern Cyprus, the Antiquities Department confirmed today.

Four chambers were found when the tomb was opened. Two were empty. The third contained the cremated remains of a single person and pottery of the early Iron Age.

The fourth chamber consisted of two layers, each of which had been used for three burials. The lower layer contained a sword, two small knives and scarabs dating back to the 10th century before Christ. The upper layer contained Greek pottery of the 3rd century B.C. The contents of the tomb have been transferred to the Cyprus Museum. — Reuter.

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Tito On Way To Britain

Belgrade, Mar. 8. Marshal Tito left by sea yesterday for Britain on an official State visit. It was officially announced today.

Marshal Tito is expected in London by March 10, after advancing the date of his visit a full week in an unexpected move following the death of Marshal Josip Stalin.

Observers believed it was an indication that the Government is not worried by the immediate future effect of Stalin's death.

Marshal Tito sailed aboard a training ship, Galeb, escorted by British destroyers. There was speculation that news of his departure was withheld until his ship had safely passed the Straits of Otranto which are under the guns of Soviet-controlled Albania.

Marshal Tito officially visited King George VI on Friday.

No official agenda was announced for his London visit but he is expected to discuss with the British Government the closer ties between Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey—United Press.

LONDON STATEMENT

London, Mar. 8. Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia is expected to come to Britain by sea in the Yugoslav naval vessel Galeb, and will be escorted by Royal Navy ships from near Malta, the Admiralty announced today.

Over 3,000 Roman Catholics in a mass rally here today protested against the British Government's invitation to Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia to visit Britain.

They urged the Government to impress on him "the loathing with which so many loyal citizens of this country regarded his persecution of religion."

Marshal Tito is coming to Britain on March 10 for a private visit as the guest of the British Government. He is to lunch with Queen Elizabeth while in London.

The visit of the Yugoslav President has aroused strong criticism from many Catholics in Britain.—Reuter.

SPECIAL WATCH

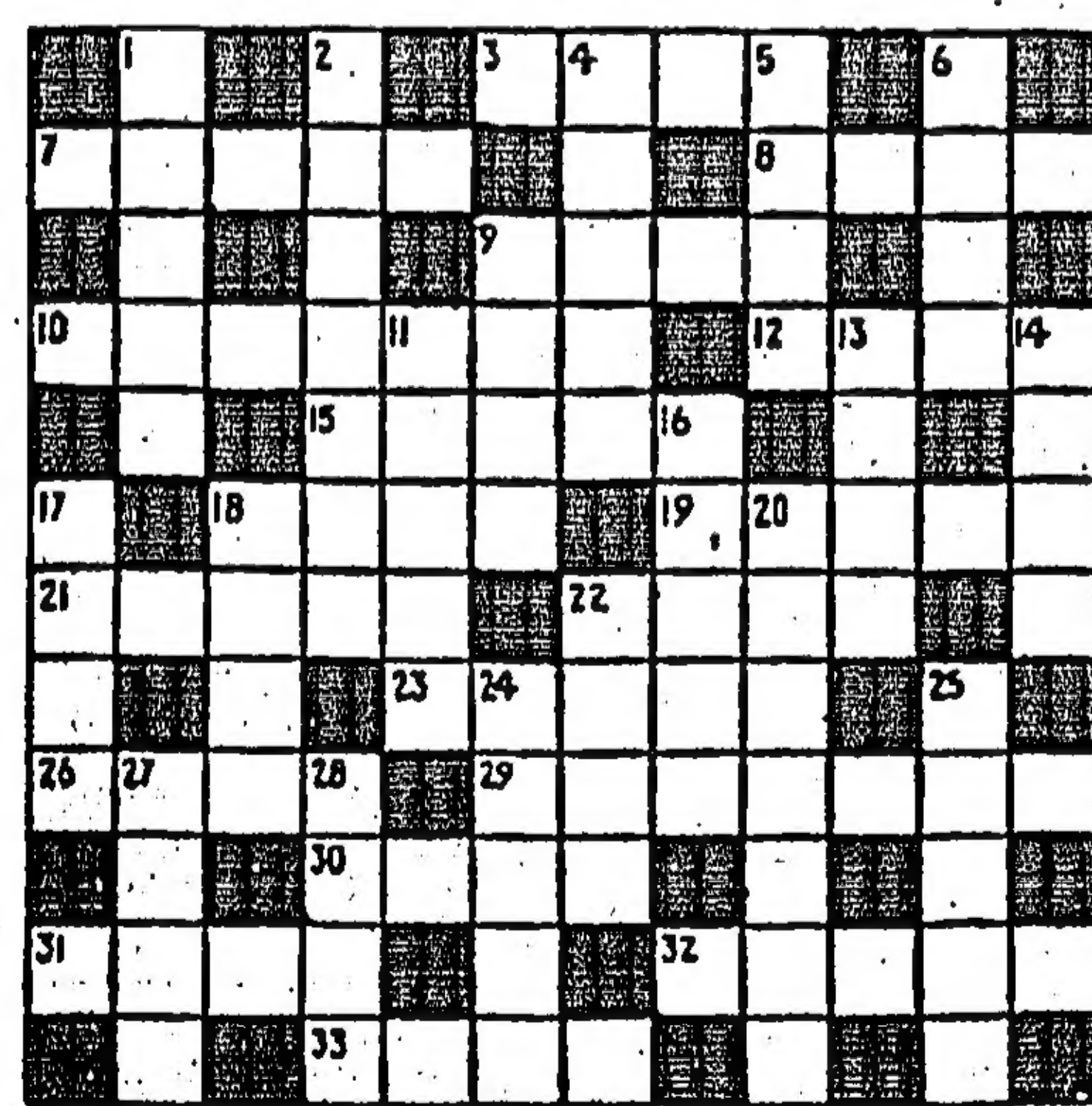
London, Mar. 8. Secret Service men and security police will keep a special watch on British Communists whom they consider dangerous and on people of Yugoslav origin who are opposed to Tito, during the Marshal's visit.

It is reported that one of several armoured cars with bullet-proof glass, owned by the War Office, will be at Marshal Tito's disposal.

Police all over Britain have reported to Scotland Yard's Special Branch in charge of security arrangements for foreign State visits in the area, particularly those known as supporters of exiled King Peter.

Their movements are not expected to be restricted, but if they come to London while the Marshal is here, they will be closely watched.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3 Stern (4).
7 Ordinal (5).
8 Loosen (4).
9 Wound (4).
10 Conceive (7).
12 Stalk (4).
15 Harden (5).
18 Difficulty (4).
19 Tag (5).
21 Run (5).
22 Gilt (4).
23 Oust (5).
26 Game (4).
29 Beg (7).
30 Under covering (4).
31 Uncommon (4).
32 Opportunity (5).
33 Book (4).

DOWN

1 Vagrant (5).
2 Suspending (7).
4 External (5).
5 Chafes (4).
6 Keenness (4).
8 Cossy (4).
11 Foolish (5).
13 Cylindrical (4).
14 Soften (4).
16 Vote into office (5).
17 Boast (4).
18 Ledge (4).
20 Allure (7).
22 Discover (4).
24 Prison (5).
25 Glad (5).
26 Spoken (4).
28 Be anxious (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Sailor, 7 Epic, 9 Cargo, 10 Value, 11 Error, 13 Presenting, 15 Tear, 16 Lear, 19 Dependent, 22 Error, 24 Arson, 26 Rouge, 28 Pinc, 29 Sticks, Down: 1 Amigo, 3 Lapse, 4 Rivals, 5 Rejoiced, 6 Pier, 8 Fudge, 12 Start, 13 Pulse, 15 Stressed, 17 Adorn, 18 Optique, 20 Nervy, 21 Equal, 23 Role.

Secret Talks On Successor To Trygve Lie

RUSSIAN ATTITUDE STILL A MYSTERY

New York, Mar. 8.

The United Nations Security Council will meet early this week in the first of a series of secret sessions to seek an East-West agreement on the nomination of a successor to Secretary-General Trygve Lie.

The meeting was requested formally on Saturday by Britain and France and it was believed Ahmed Bokhari of Pakistan, chairman of the 11-nation body under the monthly alphabetical routine, would call a meeting for Wednesday.

It was not likely, according to diplomats, that the first meeting would produce agreement on a new United Nations chief but it was certain to provide a tip on Russia's strategy in the secretaryship issue.

The big question is whether the new Soviet administration is prepared to veto any Western-backed candidate or whether it prefers to swap its support for a generally acceptable name in return for one or more concessions in the United Nations.

If in one way or another agreement is reached in the Council and a recommendation made, the 40-nation General Assembly will then have the task of formally electing the new Secretary-General.

The current "extended" term of Mr. Lie expires on February 2, 1954. But Mr. Lie, apparently disgusted about being boycotted by the Russians for his backing of United Nations action in Korea and over the troublesome question of alleged subversives on United Nations payroll, resigned last autumn.

He agreed, however, to stay on until his successor was selected.

At present, at least for the record, the Kremlin wants Polish Foreign Minister Stanislaw Skrzyszewski for the US\$55,000 yearly job. But the Russians are aware that the Poles are not acceptable to the West and there are indications they might prefer to accept someone else rather than face the prospect of Mr. Lie's term being extended again or having a caretaker administration appointed by the Assembly.

DARK HORSES

The leading Western candidates are Canada's External Affairs Minister Lester Pearson now serving as President of the Assembly and Brigadier-General Carlos Romulo of the Philippines who presided over the Assembly in 1949.

The dark horse stable includes Iran's Naqsh-e Rostam, Mexico's Foreign Minister Luis Padilla Nervo and, of late, Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, sister of India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

They key to the post of top contender whose name is to be placed before the Council is held largely by the choice of the United States. But since delicate negotiations are involved in the Council meetings Washington is not showing its hand.

It is known, however, that Britain and France wanted Mr. Pearson. The Arab-Asian bloc, with Lebanon and Pakistan representing it on the Council, favoured Mr. Entezam with Mr. Pearson as its second choice.

The Soviet end of the forthcoming tough negotiations will be in the hands of veteran debater Andrei Gromyko who rushed posthaste from London on Saturday to head the Russian UN team following the departure home of demoted Foreign Minister Andrei Vyshinsky.

His handling of the Council debate, including the possibility of Russia demanding a series of concessions for not vetoing the West's candidate, may indicate the general "cold war" policy life of the new Malenkov regime.

INDIAN DELEGATE

The West hopes to wind up the secretaryship debate before the end of this month on the assumption that Mr. Vyshinsky's chairmanship of the Council—his return from Moscow—will not simplify matters.

The long-delayed requests for a meeting were made by Britain's Sir Gladwyn Jebb and the French delegate, Henri Hoppenot, in letters to Mr. Bokhari.

Outside the possibility of a Soviet veto, one could come from Nationalist China if Mrs. Pandit's name was placed on the docket. The Formosa government is sure to oppose her because of India's recognition of the Peking regime.

Mrs. Pandit, however, appeared aware of the difficulties involved in her candidacy when she told reporters that she was "not dreaming of contesting the election." She said she had no desire to "stand up to canvass or contest" but indicated she would be available for the job if her name received unanimous backing and "India is called upon to fill the need."—United Press.

FRENCH MINISTER'S MISSION

Darwin, Mar. 8.

M. Jean Letourneau, French Minister of State for Indo-China, arrived here by air today for talks with Australian political and military chiefs.

He is expected to seek Australian help in the struggle against the Vietnamese Communist-led rebels.

Competent observers in Canberra said last week that they believed any Australian aid would not involve manpower because of her commitments in Malaya, Korea and the Middle East.

In a Press statement M. Letourneau said: "All freedom-loving countries must work for the containment and defeat of the Communist forces in Vietnam."

"Indo-China's strategic position makes it the key to South-East Asia. If Vietnamese troops succeeded in overrunning Vietnam the security of the entire area would be endangered."

"I am here more specifically on behalf of the French Union soldiers now fighting in Indo-China."

"The Australian people have realized how deeply interested they are in our fight for Indo-China. I am sure they remember 1943 when the country was threatened with a Japanese invasion and say 'never again!'"

Mr. Letourneau is now on his way by air to England.—Reuter.

Peron Visit To Chile



Smiling President Peron (right) of the Argentine, pays an official visit to the neighbouring State of Chile, and is received in Santiago by Chilean President Ibanez.—Express Photo.

Britain To Report To Commonwealth On Economic Talks

London, Mar. 8.

The British Government will report to the Commonwealth Governments on the Anglo-Commonwealth economic talks before the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation meets in Paris on March 23.

(The Anglo-American talks, ended in Washington on Saturday night, dealt mainly with the Commonwealth economic plan for expanding production and increasing the trade of the Western world on the lines drawn up at the Commonwealth economic conference of Prime Ministers in London last year.)

Senators Want Time To Think It Over

Washington, Mar. 8.

Two Republican Senators favour dropping an Administration move to condemn Soviet Russia for enslaving free people.

"I think we better have a cooling off period of 80 days," said Sen. George Aiken of Vermont.

"I certainly can't see any advantage to the United States telling the world that we stand for something by an eight to seven vote."

He referred to the margin by which the Senate Foreign Relations Committee adopted an amendment to the administration's resolution proclaiming the hope that self-government will be restored to victims of "Soviet despotism."

The amendment would make it clear that the resolution neither affirms nor denies the validity of any World War Second agreements, such as those reached at Yalta, Tcheran and Potsdam.

Actually the committee vote was eight to six, but Sen. Charles Tobey, the only member not recorded, said he would vote with Democratic opponents of the amendment.

The Democrats contend the amendment makes the resolution meaningless. Seven Republicans and one Democrat voted for the amendment and six Democrats opposed it.

All parties to the dispute agree that the resolution would mean little or nothing to rest of the world unless approved by an overwhelming vote.—Associated Press.

Counsel Would Return

Kampala, Mar. 7.

Mr. D. N. Pritt, Q.C., who led the defence in the Kapenguria trial of Jomo Kenyatta and five other Africans on Mau Mau charges, said today that he would return to Kenya if there were an appeal or if alternative charges were pressed.

The charges on which the Africans are being tried relate to alleged management of the Mau Mau secret society.

Mr. Pritt is now on his way by air to England.—Reuter.

SCOTLAND PLANS GLITTERING PARADE FOR THE QUEEN

"Honours Three" To Be On Display In Edinburgh

Edinburgh, Mar. 8.

Scotland is delving back through the centuries to plan a glittering parade of her ancient "Honours Three"—Crown, Sceptre and Sword—on Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation visit here next June.

At the Queen's request, these priceless treasures, all more than 450 years old, will be borne before her as she drives in procession to a special service in St Giles' Cathedral on June 24.

They are the Scottish regalia, symbols of Royal power when Scotland was a separate kingdom, and among the oldest regal emblems in Britain.

It is more than 130 years since they last left Edinburgh Castle, perched on a rock 440 feet above the heart of the Scottish capital, to be carried through the streets below.

The Queen's visit, three weeks after her Coronation in Westminster Abbey in London, will be only the second State occasion for which they have been brought out since Scotland and England merged into the United Kingdom in 1707.

Before that, the regalia, styled the "Honours of Scotland", were used at the Coronations of the ancient Scottish Kings and at the openings of the Scottish Parliament.

Once, during their chequered history, two Scotswomen smuggled them out of a besieged castle to safety under the very eyes of an invading English army.

Later, they were lost for more than a century. During World War II, they were brooked up for safety in a wall of Edinburgh Castle. Only four people knew the secret of their hiding place.

WINDING ROUTE

The man with the job of arranging their ceremonial display this summer is Scotland's Lord Lyon, King of Arms, 59-year-old Sir Thomas Innes of Learney.

He is one of the Queen's lieutenants in Scotland, in charge of all State and Public ceremonial. The origins of his office are lost in antiquity but his predecessors controlled the Coronation ceremonies of the ancient Scottish Kings.

The procession of June 24 will start from Holyroodhouse, residence of former Scottish Kings and Queens, where Queen Elizabeth will stay from June 22-24.

To enable as many as possible to see it, the procession will probably take a winding route through the capital to St Giles' Cathedral, standing at the opposite end of the steep, historic "Royal Mile" running from the Palace through the old town.

During the service, the regalia will probably lie in front of the Royal pew. The Queen will not wear the Crown.

UNDISPUTED RIGHT

A special committee is engaged on the task of selecting about 1,500 people who will attend the service in St Giles' Cathedral and who, at the Queen's request, will be "representative of all parts of Scotland and all aspects of Scottish life."

It is the responsibility of the Lord Lyon to arrange them in procession in the proper order of precedence.

Another question which he has to decide is: "Who shall carry the honours?"

The Duke of Hamilton, 49-year-old premier peer of Scotland, is a private citizen.

Radio Free Asia is a sort of junior partner to the older radio Free Europe. Both are projects of the Crusade of Freedom which private citizens set up in 1949 at the start of the East-West "cold war" to get information about the free world to people in the Communist countries.

Chinese Americans have given enthusiastic response to a current campaign for funds to finance radio Free Asia. At one rally in a Chinese school in New York's Chinatown, over 1,000 persons joined in the demonstration. Some could only give coins but many gave donations of hundreds of dollars each.—Associated Press.

SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

Tsauruka city police of Northern Honshu reported arresting today Mrs. Konami Kobayashi, 64, and her son Tamotsu, 25, on a charge of counterfeiting about 2,000 mimeographed and coloured 10-yen notes and passing about 400 of them.

The apprehended pair also are reported to have confessed to making four bogus 1,000-yen notes last year.—Reuter.

Six Foreign Ministers To Meet

Strasbourg, Mar. 8.

Developments in Russia since Stalin's death are expected to be discussed at a meeting here tomorrow of Foreign Ministers of six European nations engaged in building a United States of Europe.

The six Ministers—of France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg—will be receiving from a common assembly of Parliamentarians a draft Constitution for the proposed new super-state.

But, outside this historic ceremony, the six Foreign Ministers are expected to meet for a general talk on the negotiations to create a European Defence Community and other common problems.—Reuter.

MILITARY TALKS IN PARIS

Washington, Mar. 8.

American military leaders left for Paris to join a high level meeting on strategy geared to the existing capabilities of the Western European defence system.

General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, left shortly after noon for the "Command Exercise" at Supreme Allied Headquarters which was called by General Matthew Ridgway, Allied Chief.

Earlier in the day General Hoyt Vandenberg, Air Chief of Staff, departed for the meeting. Vandenberg also will inspect U.S.A.F. installations while abroad.

Admiral Lynde McCormick, Commander of NATO forces in the Atlantic was to fly to the meeting from his headquarters at Norfolk, Virginia.

General Bradley told reporters he thought that after the strategy discussions by almost 100 high military officers of the Western Powers there would be a meeting late in the week of the standing group of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

General Bradley expects to return to Washington about March 15.—Associated Press.

"T-3" Pronounced Suitable Base For United States Air Force

New York, Mar. 8.

A floating ice island inside the Arctic Circle and relatively close to Russia has the stability to serve as a huge United States air defence base, a preliminary report by Air Force scientists indicated today.

Furthermore its surface is comparatively level with the height of ridges above the troughs averaging only two to five feet near the centre although in a few places near the shore the height is as much as 16 feet.

However, there is the thawing season from late June to mid-August when lakes form in all the island hollows starting in the first week of July. Channels form between the lakes and the Arctic Sea. Once they are clear of clogging snow the lakes run off "quite rapidly" but not until late October would the lake bottoms support a C-47 equipped with skis.

Their report was on "Fletcher's Island," designated "T-3" where an Air Force party landed by plane last March and established a weather and scientific study station. Nine men are on the island now, six operating the weather station and three continuing their scientific studies.

The reporting scientists said the huge floating ice cube has a surface of approximately 50 square miles, a circumference of approximately 31 miles and is five miles across at its narrowest point. It is 100 feet thick. This would give it great stability.

The report by A. P. Cray, Lt. D. Cold and T. F. Sexton of the Geophysics Research Directorate of the Air Force's Cambridge Research Centre, Air Research and Development Command, was published in "Arctic," organ of the Arctic Institute of North America.

They measured its thickness with sound waves. Knowing the rate at which sound travels through ice they set off 100 lbs. of TNT and calculated the thickness by the time it took for the echo to come back.

The pack ice of the Arctic Ocean which surrounds the ice island is generally 10 to 15 feet thick. Movement of the floating island through the Arctic ice pack was traced on a chart from April 3, 1952, to October 2, 1952, beginning at approximately 80° west 87° north, roughly north-east of Barrow, Alaska.

The island drifted two zig-zag courses hundreds of miles north and south and eastward with some backtracking until it was at 80° west 87° north which is off the northwest coast of Greenland.

The scientists suggested it probably would move south-west at this point "to start another circuit through the Arctic Ocean."—United Press.

To Expand Broadcasts To Asians

New York, Mar. 8.

Radio Free Asia expects to expand its broadcast to people behind the "bamboo curtain" this year.

The privately sponsored propaganda project which is something like but entirely separate from the U.S. government "Voice of America" radio has a present audience of 12,000,000, its officials estimated.

More Asians will be able to listen in to the programme if as now planned additional transmitters can be set up to supplement broadcasts to Malaya, Thailand, Ceylon, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Radio Free Asia is a sort of junior partner to the older radio Free Europe. Both are projects of the Crusade of Freedom which private citizens set up in 1949 at the start of the East-West "cold war" to get information about the free world to people in the Communist countries.

Chinese Americans have given enthusiastic response to a current campaign for funds to finance radio Free Asia. At one rally in a Chinese school in New York's Chinatown, over 1,000 persons joined in the demonstration. Some could only give coins but many gave donations of hundreds of dollars each.—Associated Press.

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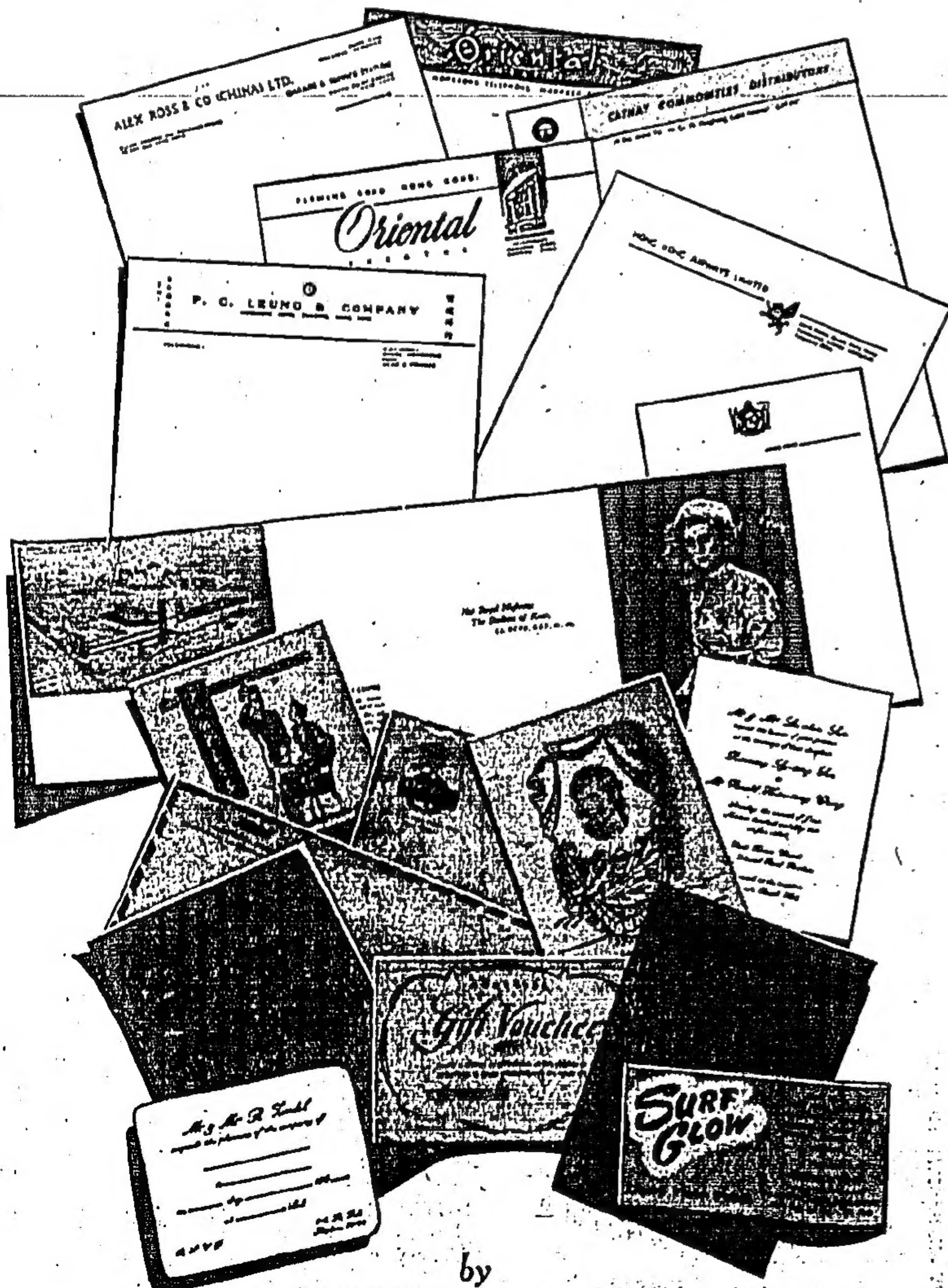
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ONE handicap of being First Citizen of the United States, President Eisenhower is discovering, is that there is not much chance of reducing his handicap as a golf player.

Front-page news, with picture, in the evening newspapers is that the poor President has to practice swings in his back garden.

Golf is his way of keeping fit at 62, but he is finding that his Secret Service guard will not let him play like an ordinary citizen.

For years he has been a member of Washington's Burning Tree Golf Club—admission fee 1,000 dollars—but the members of that exclusive club are the big names of America, and they will not seal off the course for just one foursome, not even if it includes the President.

Roosevelt built a swimming pool in the White House for his exercise. Truman installed a bowling alley. But there just is not room for a golf course. So Eisenhower has been sneaking out at dusk on to the White House lawn.

Alas, cameramen spotted him and rigged up Long Tom cameras. What is worse, they saw that the President still has trouble with his full nicker. It is coming down too soon, as shown by the divots he is hacking out of the lawn, however quickly valet John Mooney may stamp them back.

REIS LEMING, the American who got the George Medal for heroism in England's floods, won \$4,300 on a television quiz programme in New York today because of a correct answer to the question "What was the pen-name of the author of 'Innocents Abroad'?" — Mark Twain.

Leming's fiancée, Mary-Ann Ramsay, kissed the announcer when she learned that the pair also got: Jewellery, a gas-cooker, a refrigerator, a camera, theatre tickets, dinner at an hotel, and a free flight home.

And for Reis, when he leaves the air force, an appointment with an airline president to talk about a job.

WOMEN are right when they slide off their shoes under the table or at the cinema.

To beat tension and fatigue American doctors are prescribing: "Take off your shoes whenever and wherever you have the chance."

For men there is this warning: "Do not spill it by leaving on tight socks."



"Now do me another one without the acrobatics, Philip Harben."

London Express Service

Mr. Scarface smiles

How does he link
with the unknown
master-spy?

THE STORY is told by Ralph Brown, of Scotland Yard. He has been to visit Robert Pitt, a civil servant awaiting death in jail for murdering a Soho girl called Yvette Saunders. Pitt wants to trade his life for information. The information: the secret of Leonidos, the master spy no one knows...

IT was going on for three - thirty this morning when I finally closed up the file on Robert Isaac Pitt and went wearily down to the canteen in Scotland Yard for a cup of tea.

All through the night, ever since I brought back the report of my talk with Pitt in the condemned cell at Fentonville, we had been working on his case, trying to squeeze out a clue that would explain how and why he knew Leonidos.

Except for the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary, there are only about 15 men in the country who know that anyone named Leonidos exists.

The fact that the Russians have an agent planted on us working for them under that code name, is something to preserve as the top secret of them all—since we do not know who Leonidos is, how he gets his information from us, and the route he uses to smuggle it out.

So how, how, how can Robert Pitt, a man condemned for the sordid crime of murdering his mistress, know about Leonidos, too?

HIS knowledge can only stem from the fact that Pitt has also been working for the Russians. That means that he wasn't bluffing in the condemned cell at Fentonville yesterday, when he offered to sell us the identity of Leonidos in return for his own life. He realises that we have to catch Leonidos quickly, that the safety of this country is at stake.

Can you make a bargain with a murderer who deserves to hang? It is a question, thank goodness, for the Home Secretary to ponder.

In the meantime we have five days left, five days before they put Pitt's head in the noose. Five days to talk to him, play on his vanity and his fear. Five days to draw the information from him—so that the law can catch Leonidos, and keep Pitt for the hangman, too.

I signed myself out in the Special Branch register and went into the yard. It was a dirty morning, but I dismissed the duty car and decided to walk at least part of the way home. Perhaps the wind and the sleet would drive a few ideas into my head.

I had studied the police plans and photographs well enough to know that Yvette Saunders had lived on the third floor, and when I looked up I saw there was a light in what had been her bedroom window.

Even as I watched, a couple of shadows moved across it, those of a man and a woman. So the flat was back in business again already!

no crooks pulled off the same coup twice.

In the shuttered entrance to the London Pavilion, in Piccadilly, a group of youths, all wide shoulders, long greasy hair and pimply faces, were horse-playing with a couple of girls.

When they saw me one of the girls minced over, asked for a cigarette, and followed her request with the familiar question. I told her to try someone else, and was walking on when I suddenly had a thought.

"Did you ever know Yvette Saunders?" I asked.

Her pale, over-powdered face did not change expression, but I could see from the look in her hard little eyes that the question startled her. "Who are you? A cop?"

"No," I lied. "A newspaperman. I covered Pitt's trial for killing Yvette. Wondered if she was a friend, that's all." "Sure I knew her," she said. "We all knew her. Nice girl, even if she was a bit exclusive. That Pitt! Hanging's too good for him. A girl isn't safe these days. Can't trust anyone."

Just then one of the young men came striding over. He looked at us both suspiciously. "What's all the gabbing about?" he asked. "It doesn't take all this time to say yes or no."

"He's asking about Yvette," said the girl. "He's a newspaperman."

"We aren't talking to the Press," said the young man. "On your way, reporter, and let the girls get on with their business."

He grabbed hold of the girl and pushed her back towards the London Pavilion, then planted himself in front of me, arrogant and threatening, so that it was all I could do to keep myself from clipping him over the ear.

INSTEAD, I turned on my heel and went up Shaftesbury Avenue. I could hear him and his pals cat-calling me as I walked away. I cut down Fifth Street and was almost at the place before I realised where my unconscious will had taken me—to the narrow Soho alleyway in which Yvette Saunders had kept her flat and run her business, the place where Robert Pitt had fed her the fatal dose of strychnine.

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They can't
hang ME!
Second day

"He leaped suddenly to his feet... It was the first time he had shown sign of panic."

footsteps on the stairs leading from the house, and I moved towards them. A man was just coming out when hands seized me from behind and dragged me back against the wall.

I jabbed hard with both elbows in the direction where I knew it would do my assailants least good, and turned towards them. It was the arrogant youth and one of his pimply pals. As they bent double, groaning with pain, the man from Yvette Saunders' flat came running across.

"What's the trouble?" he called. "What is going on?"

He spoke English with a cultured intonation that indicated a long and intimate residence in this country, but with just the faintest trace of a Polish accent underneath.

"It's that so-and-so!" groaned the arrogant young man. "He's a reporter. He's spying on you."

Very rapidly and very harshly, the young man retorted: "Don't make fools of yourselves! And then to me: 'If you are looking for local colour, sir, I hope you will not be too indiscreet. These young men were good enough to introduce a lady to me at a night club, and I have just been seeing her home. I hope you will find nothing wrong in that.'"

"NOTHING at all," I said, looking at him closely. He was broad-faced and good-looking, with a deep scar over his left eye.

"There, now," he said to the young men. "All this trouble for nothing. I am sure we can refrain from troubling this gentleman any more and let him find a taxi and go home."



Illustration
by
ROBB

I bowed my thanks to him. He smiled back a charming smile. He and the two youths watched me as I walked out of the alleyway towards Shaftesbury Avenue.

I carried in my mind a vivid picture of the man with the Polish accent. He had seen his face before. At Scotland Yard, in one of the files I knew there was a photograph of his handsome face. But which file was it in? Criminal or political?

WHEN they showed me into the condemned cell at Fentonville this afternoon Robert Pitt looked up at me as if I were a subordinate late for an appointment.

He was still the suave civil servant from the Ministry, still cocky and confident, still convinced that, despite the sentence of the court, he was going to cheat the gallows. He said:

"Don't try and fool me, Brown. I have made you a simple offer and I want a simple answer to it, and don't try to muddy up the situation with unnecessary words. Do you want to trap Leonidos? I warn you, time is growing short."

"I quite realise that your time is limited, sir," I said, as suavely as possible. "Perhaps it would be a little more information were forthcoming. I think you said, sir, that you could prove your connection with Leonidos by showing that you, too, have been in touch with potential enemies. Would you be able to clarify that point for us?"

He looked at me savagely for a moment, and then relaxed. "Go to my wife and ask her to let you look in the car, underneath the seat in the back. I think you will find enough there

to prove the connections I have told you about."

He leaped suddenly to his feet. "Go on, Brown, for mercy's sake. There are so few days left, and both of us have everything to lose."

It was the first time he had shown sign of panic. I motioned the warders to come back into the cell, bowed to him, and went out.

I telephoned the office to check Pitt's address and then drove out to Dorking in the car. A fruitless journey. Mrs Pitt was away and the car with her, and not expected back until after midnight.

I spent the next two hours, trying to place the face of the handsome young Pole with the scar, whom I had met in the Soho alleyway at dawn today.

We found him at last. My assistant came into the office with a bunch of pictures, and one of them belonged to him. The name was Piotr Raskhi. The grin on his broad face was infectious.

"What record has our friend Raskhi got?" I asked my assistant. "What is he, crook, pander, or spy?"

"None of them," said my assistant. "He is a Polish ex-officer of the Royal Air Force. He is very pro-British and he has been known to do dangerous work."

"For us?" I asked incredulously. "Well, for our Allies, anyway," said my assistant.

TOMORROW:
The clues to
Leonidos

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XAVIER BREAKS EVEN TIME FOR THE CENTURY

Three Colony Records Fall At Pokfulam Meeting

By "RECORDER"

Stephen Xavier yesterday became the first athlete in the Colony's history to break even time for the 100 Yards Dash. In the Invitational 100 Yards at Pokfulam he was clocked by three watches in 9.9 seconds and by a fourth in 10.0. The second fastest of the official three counts.

Xavier's performance ranks him as the second fastest schoolboy—to Australia's Graham Gipson—in the British Commonwealth and the fastest sprinter in Southeast Asia.

His only opponent was his schoolmate, Eddie Loureiro of La Salle College, who was clocked in 10.2 seconds. The rest of the opposition did not turn out for various reasons, the majority of them apparently scared out; Eddie wasn't.

The rising Colony standard is frightening out the also-rans. About a quarter of the people invited to take part in the seven invitational events yesterday turned up. Military exercises in which some units are engaged accounted for several absences, but many

Max Faulkner Breaks Fanling Course Record

Max Faulkner made two rounds of the Fanling course yesterday as one of a four-ball, in the morning on the Old Course and in the afternoon on the New Course, followed by about 500 spectators.

In the morning, though the rest of his play was up to his usual standard, there was a weak spot (which he obviously felt keenly) in his putting, both long and short. On four occasions his putts rolled within a hair's breadth of the hole and past. He was just a little off form in this department and it was a weakness which was aggravated by bad luck.

All through the day, however, he overrode his opponents with beautiful straight drives that swept along fairly low but lifted in an upward curve that must have carried the ball an extra 30 yards.

His playing has improved tremendously since last year, though one surprising feature of his play now is the attitude he adopts on the green. He stands when putting with his right foot almost directly behind his left, his head forward, elbows out, and back hunched, looking a little like a thoughtful stork poised above the golf ball. Whether his slight weakness in the putting department was a result of this curious attitude is not possible to say, but at any rate he made it up in the afternoon, when he broke the course record by five strokes, going round in 68.

THE OTHERS

Of the other players, D. S. Roub played a steady game though not exciting to watch. K. S. Kinghorn, perhaps because of his lack of practice, having recently returned from leave, was badly off form, though improving markedly in the afternoon, and J. Mackie at times played extraordinarily well. At the Step hole, which he shared with Max Faulkner, Mackie actually drove the champion by several yards off the tee. His drives at times looked very like the champion's.

After the match Faulkner said that he liked the courses at Fanling very much, possibly the New more than the Old, for while the views at the Old were better, he found the New suited his play the best. He also said that in his opinion J. Mackie should give up his other sports and concentrate on golf alone. He himself, he said, used to play many other sports while he was in the R.A.F. but his love for golf had always been in him—he has a photograph of himself with a small driver reared well above his head at the age of 3½—P.

Melbourne Far Ahead With Preparations

Melbourne, Mar. 8. Mr. Edgar Tanner, Australian Olympic Federation Secretary, said here today that Melbourne was now far ahead with preparations for the 1956 Olympic Games than any other "host" had been two years before the event.

The fact that the President of the International Committee, Mr. Avery Brundage, would not visit Melbourne was an indication that he was satisfied with Melbourne's ability to stage the Games, he said.

Mr. Tanner added: "This is very disconcerting news to certain disloyal members of the community who do not want us to stage the Games, and who have done their best to make the organizers' task as hard as possible."—Reuter.

were absent for no good reason. The Pokfulam show as such was a failure, but those who came turned in very reasonable performances. None of the four girls invited for the invitational Long Jump disappointed. All four jumped further than their previous best and two were over 16 feet by their third jump.

The Colony record in this event fell three times. On her second jump the reigning record-holder, Rita Hall, cleared 16 feet 1½ inches. Then came the biggest surprise of the day when Jennifer Hart, who has been an also-ran at a long jumper for the past year, became the new Colony record-holder with 16 feet 4½ inches.

SHORTEST IN HISTORY Her colon was record-holder in the Long Jump was the shortest in history. Barely 30 seconds later, Rita Hall leaped out to 16 feet 6 inches—only 4½ inches short of Mui Shun-ning's unofficial record leap of 16 feet 10½ inches—18 inches in his putting, both long and short. On four occasions his putts rolled within a hair's breadth of the hole and past. He was just a little off form in this department and it was a weakness which was aggravated by bad luck.

For the first time in the Colony's history four girls cleared 15 feet 6 inches in the course of one competition. Pui To Middle School's Fong Sik cleared 15 feet 9½ inches on her final jump while the reigning Colony Champion, Deborah Hurlbutt, went out to 15 feet 6 inches on her only good jump of the competition (her fourth) to better her previous best of 15 feet 3½ inches. The official Colony record stood at 15 feet 1½ inches at the start of the current season.

The invitational Men's Long Jump saw only two of the seven athletes invited taking part and Lt. Wren managed four jumps of over 21 feet, clearing 21 feet 10½ inches—just an inch short of To King-chau's official Colony record, 22 feet 1 inch. George Thumby was badly off form and could only reach 19 feet 9½ inches after four no jumps. The third Colony record came late in the evening when Sgt. N. R. Hughes, competing for the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club in the Inter-Club meet against the Hongkong University Athletic Club, threw the javelin out to 171 feet 7 inches. All three new Colony record-holders bettered their own Colony marks.

His invitational events disappointed in small turn-outs, but not in the standard of performance.

CONFIRMED Joseph Pawlowski confirmed his position as the Colony's No. 1 discus thrower by winning the event at 124 feet 10½ inches. Chan Wai-chuen may still hold the Colony record at 129 feet 0½ inches, but Pawlowski has four credited throws over 120 feet to his name, whereas the South China "giant" has only one.

The Discus Throw Invitational competition turned up one of the biggest theoretical questions marks to confront athletic statisticians. Do six throws give a more accurate indication of ability than three?

Pawlowski only had six. Hughes and Heilmeyer, at the end of six throws, had best marks standing to their names of 104 feet 2½ inches and 91 feet 9 inches respectively. Toward the end of the evening, the two had three more throws in the Inter-Club match and the result was—Heilmeyer, 111 feet 0 inches; Hughes 106 feet 5 inches—both well above their previous best.

LUDORUM LAI Victor Lai, who has more worries on his extra-curricular mind than the average HKU type of the current generation, won the Invitational High Hurdles in a sound 17 seconds and the Invitational High Jump at a sound 5 feet 8 inches.

Victor was both pleased and surprised at the fact that Chan Leong-chye cleared 5 feet 7 inches to win the Inter-Club High Jump. Leong-chye was not the only surprise in this event.

Ian Gerrard took second place by a very respectable margin for a schoolboy of 5 feet 4 inches, Ian, the grandson of the holder to this day of the unofficial Colony record in the Shot Put (45 feet), turned up a "big time" performance to help the HKAAAC out in one of its weakest events.

When all was over, Victor Lai told us that the only reason in which to get a reasonable University team out in any event was October/November.

WHO ELSE? Under the above heading, let us not, above all other things, forget Neville Lee. Neville, who is going home soon, has not lost sight of this date and has been correct. Like all athletes attached to the Services who do not discover the field events, he has fancied himself for a long time as a long distance runner and has against good class opposition at anything between 1,500 Metres and Three Miles.

The spirit was there, but Neville was in the wrong event. Having noted the fact that he ran a "Quarter" in the HKAAAC Pentathlon in 33.8 seconds, the Club tried him at a shorter distance and found him yesterday coming in third in the Half Mile over one of the most difficult intermediate distance courses in the Colony in 2:17.0.

Some may say that is not a good time, but let one out of every 100 men in Hongkong try to match Neville at any distance between Half Mile and 10 Miles and our money is on Neville.

Not everyone is born to be a Champion and those who try are more deserving of some form of recognition, like a Standard Medal—than those who don't.

Credit must also be given to Derek Coburn, who intensely dislikes the near six-lap Pokfulam course in the Mile but who still ran in yesterday in 4:43.3. LAC Hosking of the R.A.F. stayed with him to the last lap when he fell back to return 4:52, while Ralph Hatcher and Mike Curzon fell out on the way for reasonable reasons. Ralph because he has undertaken some injections to make him acceptable to the Quarantine Authority in "Blighy" and Mike for the simple fact that he has been trying to follow the McMahon/West competitive schedule without having put in the same amount of sheer metres, yards, miles in training.

To this list one must add Roy Spencer, who is fast developing into a top-class sprinter, and N. R. Hughes, generally known as "The Thrower". Both volunteered to run in the invitational High Hurdles and both turned in respectable performances against good opposition.

THE RESULTS

The results were: Invitation Discus—1, Ldr J. Pawlowski (HKAAAC); 2, J. 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Week-end Softball

JAGUARS PULL OFF THE UPSET OF THE SEASON IN SHELLACKING BRAVES 8-1

By "KEYSTONE"

Red Pereira's Jolting Jaguars covered themselves with glory by pulling off the upset of the season, shellacking the League-leading Braves to the tune of 8-1 in the Senior League match yesterday.

In the morning game, the Panda girls inched past Ella Chinn's South China squad in the final straight stretch to clinch the Ladies' Junior Championship.

Another stunning upset was credited to Frank Poon's team, who beat the Braves 8-1 in the Junior League match yesterday.

South China barely managed a decision against St. Joseph's, who were the only team to win a game in the Junior League yesterday. The Braves, who were the only team to win a game in the Junior League yesterday, were defeated 8-1.

Senior "B" Division games were partly curtailed due to inclement weather on Saturday. But in yesterday's noon-hour games, the Braves received a bad fright from a lightning Red Sox outfit who held them down to a 3-3 tie for nine full innings before succumbing 5-3. A loss for the second place Braves would have automatically presented the Division's pennant to the idle Americans.

The Pandas "B" sampled sweet, long-untested victory with a lopsided 12-3 win over the hapless Warriors at the far diamond, although all the hits they could muster off south-hander Ray Cordery's pitches were two scratchy bingles.

DECIDING MATCH

Ella Chinn's South China ladies made an early scoring bid when, after two outs in the first inning, shortstop Helen Leong slapped the ball through second and stole down the midway station on the next pitch. Big stick Ella Babida then poked another to the same place, but Helen Leong missed at the plate by a fine throw-in from centrefielder Ingrid Wang for the third out.

The Bearents opened the scoring with two runs in their turn at bat, with Angelene and Eugenia Kwok doubling, and Angelene Kwok singled, stole second and was pushed across the rubber by Ingrid Wang's timely double.

This stung the Nam Wah girls into action and they exploded with three runs in the top of the fourth to tie up the ballgame. Shortstop Helen Leong lashed out a drive to centre to arrive safely on first. The next batter flied out to rightfield.

Then first baseman Madeleine Gosling drove the ball through short, and Helen Leong scored all the way from first when the centrefielder heaved wildly towards the plate.

Gosling moved down to third on the play and brought in another run when outfielder S. Koo hit an infield grounder for the second out.

Rightfielder Rosie Lucy then almost made herself the heroine of the day by stepping into one of Pandas' pitcher Pearl Chan's slow balls and blasting it way over the leftfielder's head for a score-tying home run.

An infield error and two solid hits filled the bags to overflowing again, but second sacker E. Chan failed to come through with a clutch-hit, grounding to shortstop for a force-out at third to end the rally.

Both teams settled down to tight fielding which carried the 3-3 tie into the last inning. The first two South China batters grounded for routine infield outs.

The third batter, lined to right, but first baseman Diane Tong leaned over and speared the apple for a one-handed catch to end the inning.

In their last time at bat, the Pandas started off shakily with two batters going down in a row. Coming back to the top of their batting order, Amy Cheng wheeled a walk from pitcher Connie Lal, and promptly stole down to the keystone station.

Shortstop Bonnie Chan came through with a timely single to advance Amy to scoring position on third, while she moved down to second without drawing a play. Then catcher Angelene Kwok dished up another masterly clutch hit by slashing a hot grounder through third to chase in the game-winning run.

Losing pitcher Connie Lal outperformed her Pandas rival by striking out three and allowing only two walks. She conceded seven hits to the Braves, including two batters by Eugenia Kwok and Ingrid Wang, as well as three solid hits by Angelene Kwok.

Pandas' mistress Pearl Chan struck out two and walked one, but was touched for a total of eight safe-hits, including two bingles each by Helen Leong and Madeleine Gosling, and a fourth-inning homer by Rosie Lucy.

With the winning of the Junior Championship by the Pandas yesterday, official League play in the Ladies' League is brought to a close, the Ladies' Senior Division Championship having been previously won by the all-conquering Wahoes in a play-off series with the Saguas.

CHEWED THEM UP

Playing with gusto and pep unseen for many a long month, Red Pereira's rebounding Jaguars chewed up the Braves with one of the worst beatings ever seen in the history of the year-long history in local softball.

The Jolting Jaguars committed only one solitary fielding error in seven full innings to back up their ace hurler Vic Pedruco's blazing pienes and killing to snuff the only serious scoring threat by the Braves in the third frame.

Both sides were held scoreless till the action-packed third, although the Jaguars were first to put a runner on third. In the second inning third-sacker Gerald Van Langenberg opened proceedings with a twisting double to right.

Shortstop Claude Pugh dropped a line-hugging bunt along first to push Langenberg down to the scoring perch, while he landed on second himself. With none down and potential runs on third and second, the Jags elected to hit away for some uncountable reason.

Tiger Hussain popped weakly to short for the initial out. Nilson Souza scratched his head over three called strikes and was thumbed back to the bench. Catcher Red Pereira chipped the pill feebly into the ground for the last out to leave two runners futilely stranded on base.

Ed Carvalho's Braves opened the third thunderously through Manuel Gutierrez' double into centrefield. Rightfielder G. Rozario, flied out, but oldtimer Tony Osmond rapped a sharp single to left to advance Gutierrez to third while he pruned into second standing up.

Shortstop Joe Gutierrez grounded to third, and the ball made two rapid journeys across the diamond from third to first to home for a neat twin-killing as Gutierrez attempted to score on the play.

Leftfielder Lionel Sequeira brought the first run of the game across the plate when he stole home in a shower of dirt after his bingle was followed by teammate Igmarr Erikson's safe bunt.

First-sacker Frank Barros laid down another trickler towards first which hurler Chapple Remedios mishandled, landing runners on third and second with none away. An attempt to cut off the runner resulted in an overthrow at third, allowing Gutierrez to cross home station standing up.

The Jaguars thumped the ball for another three solid hits in the fourth to extend their lead by five back-breaking runs. Nelson Souza drew a base on balls. Red Pereira dished a sacrifice bunt, but Chapple Remedios juggled the pill again in his haste.

A bunt hit filled the bases, with no outs, for the top end of the Jaguars' batting order to clean up on.

Erikson ungraciously fanned for the initial down, but Barros pulled one into left to score one runner after the catch. With one more down to go and two runners on base, chucker Vic Pedruco literally won his own ball game by blasting out a long fly which cleared the leftfielder for a three-run homer.

TOWERING BLAST

Hardly had the crowd settled back in their seats when the following batter Gerald Van Langenberg collected his second hit of the day with a towering blast to the scoreboard which was relayed in just a shade too late to catch him at home-plate. The Jaguars then eased up and settled back to protect their lead in the remaining innings.

The Tribe averted the crowning humiliation of a shutout only by the narrowest of margins. They picked up their only tally through pinch-hitter Spiky Gutierrez who doubled to start off the sixth stanza.

The only Jaguar fielding error of the game by centrefielder Erikson allowed Gutierrez to lumber down to third on the hit. Shortstop Joe Gutierrez skinned the ball to second-sacker Tiger Hussain, who played for the out at first while the runner cleared the rubber for the only Braves' run of the day.

Chapple Remedios and Carlos Yvanovich hit safely in close succession, but Junior Remedios flied out to left and southpaw Buji Dhabar hopped one to first to reduce all the Braves' efforts to nil.

This took all the fight out of the Braves, and the last three batters went down in rapid order on two flies and an infield out to end the one-sided game.

Credited with the win, Jaguar pitcher Vic Pedruco had no strike-outs, but issued one free base and allowed seven spaced-out hits. His opposing number Chapple Remedios was tagged with the loss in walking three and conceding nine ringing hits, while striking out two.

Free-footed outfielder Lionel Sequeira surprised all present by grabbing off a major share of the batting honours with a perfect three-in-three performance. He was closely followed by teammate Vic Pedruco who belted a double and a three-run homer, and Gerald Van Langenberg who garnered a double and a triple.

TEAL IS ILL

London, Mar. 8. Teal, who until yesterday was a strong favourite for the Grand National, has a slight digestive ailment but will have another race in public before the Aintree meeting.

The trainer said tonight: "We have discovered a slight digestive ailment which is being attended to. The horse will, it is hoped, have one more race before the National, possibly at Nottingham."—Reuter.

IT'S TRIUMPH-AND TRAGEDY



In the moment of triumph, as the ball sails in from his foot to notch the winning goal, Blackpool's inside-left Brown (No. 10) crashes into the prostrate Arsenal goalkeeper, Kelsey, and is injured in the FA Cup tie at Highbury, London. Brown's legs were immediately strapped by first-aid men and he was carried off on a stretcher. Blackpool won the Cup tie 2-1—their first-ever win at Highbury. Arsenal players, in striped shirts, are left to right—left-back Smith, right-back Wade and centre-half Daniel.—Reuterphoto.

South China Edge Out Busmen 2-1 To Maintain First Division Leadership

By "SPIV"

Aided by Army's feat of holding their nearest rivals, Kitchee, to a 2-2 draw on Saturday, South China yesterday edged out Kowloon Motor Bus by two goals to one to maintain their lead in the First Division League table.

With four matches to go, they are now ahead of Kitchee by two points. Kitchee have five remaining matches.

The Caroline Hill Club also drew nearer to their ambition of garnering four titles this season when their Second Division XI completed a double for the week-end by the same margin of victory over the Busmen as their First Division clubmates and consolidated their position at the top of the Jumbos League table.

A capacity crowd saw both the First and Second Division tussles between South China and Kowloon Motor Bus yesterday as hundreds of others were turned away and were treated to 70 minutes of a stirring and exhilarating battle between the two Senior teams.

The defences of both teams again stood out prominently, with the Busmen slightly the unsteadier and falling into two costly lapses that gave their opponents two valuable goals. Goalkeeper Tam Woon-cheuk was responsible for the first lapse when his hand-cap of height caused him to fumble a brainy shot by Yue Cheuk-yin which was a mixture of a lob and a drive.

An error of judgment by centre-half Ng Kel-cheong when Yue Cheuk-yin caught him half-way with a forward half-lobe from the left midfield and the slowness of left back Hung Hing-yuk in covering the pass allowed Lee Yuk-tak to streak through with the ball at his feet and to drive it past the goalkeeper with a neat grounder.

MORE SOLID

South China's defence was the more solid, with Ko Po-keung taking the main honours at centre-half. He not only completely neutralised the individual efforts by Lee Chun-fat and Tang Yee-kit with his fast tackling, but time and again, nipped the Busmen's offensive moves with his timely interceptions.

South China's decision to replace Soong Ling-sing with the more youthful and speedier Lau Chi-ping at right-half paid off, and with Lau and right-back Chiu Char-wing rising to the occasion there was little if any of that weakness in South China's right rear guard.

Pau King-yin in goal was actually left very little to do yesterday, but was seen in one brilliant save in the second half when, with the score standing at 2-1, he stopped a low piler-driver to the near corner of the net from Sze-to Man.

However, it was South China's distinct superiority in the forward line that proved to

be the deciding factor. In contrast to their opponents' clever positioning, good combination and better control of their passes, the KMB forwards were, especially in the first half, a disconnected lot who were not only unable to make the right passes but had to look for their men when they wished to part with the ball, and when they did part with the ball it was inevitably either misdirected to a defender or a half-lobe which they met with greater success in the second half when the team was reshuffled with Fung Kwan-sing going to right-back, Lee Chun-fat to left-half, and the forward line consisting of Lee Siu-fai, Sze-to Man, Tang Yee-kit, Lee Tai-fai and Sze-to Man.

Had they started with this line-up the Busmen would have probably given their opponents a much more anxious time but, as it was, South China's superiority in this department was so marked that the score could have easily been 4-1 in their favour.

Yue Cheuk-yin was easily the best forward on view in this match, not only being responsible for most of the offensive moves but also providing a constant danger to the South China defence with his ever readiness to take a shot and run through himself.

Both Kwok Ying-lok at centre-forward and Lee Kwong-wing were little off form, but Mok Chun-wah at left-wing and Lee Yuk-tak at inside-right gave excellent support to Yue.

THE PLAY

KMB kicked off against the Police Club and their initial attack was easily held by Tong Sheung and Mok Chun-wah. Mok worked up the ball on the left but his centre was granted headed away by Fung Kwan-sing. Yue Cheuk-yin took the rebound and gave the crowd their first thrill when his 30-yard flashing cross drive went just past the upright.

A good header by Lee Tai-fai to the goal kick set his forwards going, but a misspash by right-wing Lee Siu-fai ended the move.

The Busmen were soon back on the left and a fine individual effort by Sze-to Man saw him reaching the goal line and sending across the goalmouth a low centre. No Bus forward was at hand to avail himself of the pass and Lau Yee cleared.

KMB had the greater share of the attack during this period but were constantly frittering opportunities away through mis-passes, and it was South China who missed the first real chance in the seventh minute of play. A long centre, by Mok Chun-wah to the far upright brought goalkeeper Tam Woon-cheuk out. Tam held the ball, but missed his balance and the ball slipped out of his hands. Lee Yuk-tak rushing up, placed the ball wide of the open goalmouth. KMB got dangerously close during the next few minutes. Sze-to Man beat Chiu Char-wing to the ball on the left, but his paring shot went all the way across the goalmouth past the goal line.

Immediately after this, Sze-to Man again got possession of the ball at midfield and his forward centre to the open space on the left saw Lee Chun-fat running

across to take the ball in his stride. With only the advancing goalkeeper in front of him, his top shot got past his opponent, but struck the side of the net.

In the 12th minute South China opened their scoring. A header by Kwok Ying-lok to Mok Chun-wah enabled Mok to square the ball towards the centre, just outside the box. Yue Cheuk-yin trapped it and semi-lobbed the ball under the cross-bar. Tam Woon-cheuk leaped up to the ball, caught it, but missed his balance and let go of the ball as he was falling backwards into the goalmouth. Lee Kwong-wing followed up and tapped the ball in.

The interval came with South China leading by 1-0.

SECOND HALF

KMB were the first to take the offensive in the second half, and a good forward through pass by Lee Chun-fat saw Tang Yee-kit almost through only to be brought down by Ko Po-keung. Immediately following this, they staged another dangerous raid when Lee Tai-fai worked up the ball and sent Sze-to Man through in the open space. Sze-to Man's paring shot, however, went to the side of the net.

South China increased their lead in the 5th minute of the half after a full-blooded half-volley drive by Mok Chun-wah had gone over the goalmouth. The goalkeeper went to Yue Cheuk-yin who, from just past midfield on the left, centred the ball over Ng Kel-cheong's head. Lee Yuk-tak raced up, took the ball in his stride, got past the oncoming Hung Hing-yuk and neatly sent it past goalkeeper Tam Woon-cheuk with a neat grounder.

Four minutes later, KMB succeeded in opening their scoring. A long forward centre to Tang Yee-kit opposite the left, upright of the goal saw Tang fumble with the ball, but as it rebounded from his feet Sze-to Man came across and swung the ball round with a hook shot past the surprised Pau King-yin.

Despite gallant efforts by the KMB forwards for the remaining part of the game, South China were content to revert to a defensive game and successfully held on to their slender margin of victory.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 11th Race Meeting 1952/53 to be held on Saturday, 21st March, 1953, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road. Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday 10th March, 1953.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

Colony Badminton Championships Start Today

The 1952-1953 Colony Open Badminton Championships commence this evening at Craigengower Cricket Club with a programme of seven matches in the Junior Singles, Junior Doubles and Junior Mixed Doubles events. The curtain-raiser will see two of the most promising boy shuttlers of the Colony, Lo Chung-hon and U Sei-lip, in action.

Former St. Stephen's top ranking schoolboy player U Sei-lip has been one of the most successful singles players in the "C" League this year, and was one of the main stalwarts of the unbeaten Men's "C" Division unbeaten champion Tytam team.

All the four ladies who will be seen in action tonight, will be making their first appearance in the Championships and are expected to produce the most exciting games of the evening.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Men's Junior Singles
7 p.m.—Lo Chung-hon v U Sei-lip.
7.30 p.m.—Robert Linsey v Hu Ki-bun.

Men's Junior Doubles
8 p.m.—E. Ribeiro v F. T. Sak.
8.30 p.m.—Chan Sul-wan and Cheung Wing-ai v C. Y. Ban and K. K. Hui.

Men's Junior Mixed Doubles
9 p.m.—Leo Leong and C. C. Yew v Peppo Arculli and C. H. Wong.

Junior Mixed Doubles
9.30 p.m.—Tony Silva and Miss F. Heng v A. J. Remedios and Miss Rita Marques.
10 p.m.—S. Saul and Miss E. Skinner v Frank Yeh and Mrs. E. Silva.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ELEVENTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Saturday, 21st March, 1953.

(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The programme will consist of 9 races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2 p.m.

Through Tickets (9 Races—\$18.00) also tickets at \$2 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 20th March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at:—
5 D'Agulir Street, Hong Kong
or
382 Nathan Road, Kowloon

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "ALL CLEAR" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED. Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investors have left the Counters. All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED FOR THE 1953 RACING SEASON ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL 1953. 1952 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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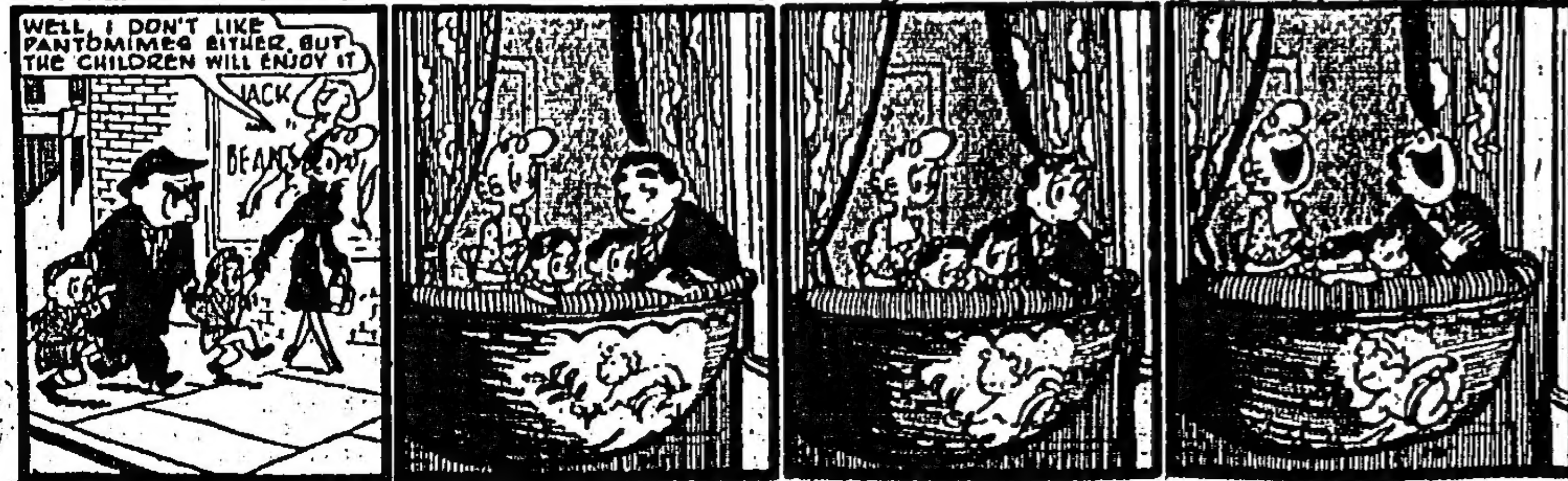
SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

THE GAMBOLS



By Barry Appleby

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"HANYANG"	Keelung	10 a.m. 11th Mar.
"SHENKING"	Tientsin	5 p.m. 11th Mar.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 13th Mar.
"SOOCHOW"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m. 14th Mar.
"SHENKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 18th Mar.
"HUPEH"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 21st Mar.
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok	10 a.m. 23rd Mar.
"FUNGING"	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	8 a.m. 20th Mar.

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"ANKING"	Singapore	10th Mar.
"YUNNAN"	Tientsin	10th Mar.
"FUNGING"	Shanghai	10th Mar.
"SOOCHOW"	Papan	11/12th Mar.
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"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manila	19th Mar.
"CHANGTIE"	Australia & Manila	22nd Mar.
"TAIPING"	Yokohama	23rd Mar.

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S. "ANTIOCHUS"	Liverpool	11th Mar.
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S. "ANCHISES"	do	8th Apr.
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SPECULATION OVER THE BUDGET

Annual Springtime Event In Full Swing In Britain

Malayan Trade Balance

Affected By Tin, Rubber Prices

Singapore. Malaya, whose rubber and tin are among the Sterling Area's most important dollar-earners, had an unfavourable trade balance of £6,000,000 last year, compared with a favourable balance of £14,000,000 in 1951.

This deterioration in the Colony's trading position with the outside world is largely accounted for by the sharp decline in rubber and tin prices.

The average price of rubber last year was 2s. 4d. a lb., compared with 4s. 2d. a lb. in 1951.

The price of tin declined from an average of £1,080 in 1951, to £905 a ton last year.

Exports of rubber amounted to 910,408 tons, valued at £203,000,000. Exports to the United States and other American countries earned £58,000,000 in dollars.

For the first time, rubber shipments to Britain exceeded those to the United States.

LOWEST SINCE 1946

The fall in the price of rubber, together with smaller shipments to the United States, meant that Malayan dollar earnings from this source declined by £84,000,000 last year as compared with 1951.

The total value of all rubber shipments was £258,000,000 less last year than in the previous year.

Another result of the lower price was that Malayan rubber production fell last year to its lowest level since 1946.

Dollar earnings from tin, however, were higher last year than in 1951 when American attempts to force down the price of tin by stopping all imports from Malaya.

Exports of tin brought in £18,000,000 in dollars, compared with only £3,000,000 in 1951.

Earnings from all tin exports were £10,000,000, or £7,000,000 less than in the previous year.

RUBBER PROPOSAL

Singapore, Mar. 8. Malayan rubber dealers have accepted an American proposal to hold a meeting in New York to discuss problems resulting from the substantial deliveries of rubber not conforming to type, description and packing specifications.

The invitation, which came from the Rubber Trade Association and the Rubber Manufacturers' Association, both of New York, said considerable misunderstanding had arisen and the "great distance separating this market from the source of the rubber makes it difficult to get at facts, to appreciate others' problems and to resolve varying opinions concerning such facts and problems."

The Singapore Chinese Rubber Trade Association, however, decided to invite delegates from the two American Associations to come to Singapore for discussion "because Singapore is the centre of the trade."

A spokesman said if the American delegate could come, Indonesia, Thailand and Ceylon could be conveniently invited to send representatives to attend the meeting, so that American complaints, especially about bad packing, may be threshed out with all Asian exporting countries simultaneously. — United Press.

Tax Pact To Be Signed

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

Sources close to the Japanese Government tonight said the signing of a Japan-United States tax agreement is expected this month.

Reports said the draft of the agreement has already been worked out between Japan and America.

Unconfirmed reports said the proposed agreement is primarily designed to prevent a dual levying of taxes by both the Japanese and American governments.

Included in the agreement are income, corporate and inheritance taxes.

It is expected here that the new agreement will take effect in July or August if the Japanese Diet approves it. — Reuters.

Conflict Between Political And Economic Approach

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Mar. 8.

The open season for unofficial Budget-making is now in full swing. No special skill is required by those who care to participate in this popular Springtime event. The layman, indeed, has a certain advantage over the expert.

For his views on taxation and Government expenditure mark the limits within which budgetary action is politically feasible while the economist's views are at best a guide to what is theoretically desirable.

The outcome of this conflict between the political and the economic approach to the Budget problem is generally a compromise which goes some way to meet both points of view.

This year, however, the Chancellor will find it even more difficult than usual to steer a middle course. For the laymen have seldom been more insistent in their demands for tax reductions while the economists are recommending a line of action that no Chancellor would care to take.

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Taiwan Salt For Japan?

Taipei, Mar. 8. Taiwan is negotiating to sell Japan 70,000 tons of Formosan salt for shipment within a month after signing of a contract, the Nationalist newspaper "Combined Daily News" said today.

Japan had signed a contract for 100,000 tons of Formosan salt towards the latter part of last year, and it was indicated all deliveries would be effected before the end of March, the newspaper added. — Reuters.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$207,850. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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